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TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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FOLLOWING REPEAT JIDDA 1396 ACTION SECSTATE INFO WHITE HOUSE
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QUOTE S E C R E T JIDDA 1396

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WHITE HOUSE FOR AARON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, MOPS, ET, SO

SUBJECT: REPORTS ON CAPTURED AMERICAN-MADE EQUIPMENT

REF: ADDIS ABABA 0821

1. WHILE WE SYMPATHIZE WITH DIFFICULT TASK FACED BY
EMBASSY ADDIS ABABA IN BUILDING CREDIBILITY WITH EMPG,
WE WOULD CAUTION AGAINST DOING SO AT EXPENSE OF OUR
RELATIONS WITH SAG. AS DEPT WELL KNOWS, OUR RELATIONS
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WITH SAG ARE NOT ONLY EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO U.S.
NATIONAL INTERESTS BUT ALSO BASED ON A PATTERN OF
FRIENDLY ACTION TOWARDS THE UNITED STATES WHICH HAS
CERTAINLY NOT BEEN MATCHED BY EPMG'S BEHAVIOR TOWARD
US SINCE PRESENT REGIME ASSUMED POWER.

2. WE ARE AWAITING SAG REPLY TO OUR RECENT DEMARCHE

ON SUBJECT OF CAPTURED AMERICAN-MADE EQUIPMENT.
UNTIL THEY HAVE HVAD TIME TO REPLY, WE STRONGLY
RECOMMEND THAT WE AVOID ANY ACCUSTAION OF ILLEGAL
BEHAVIOR ON PART OF SAG. IT WILL BE PARTICULARLY
IMPORTANT TO AVOID SUCH PREMATURE ACCUSATION
WHILE OTHER IMPORTANT ARMS SALES TRANSACTIONS
ARE PENDING BEFORE THE CONGRESS.

4. DEPT PLEASE REPEAT TO ADDIS ABABA.
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